

MINUTES
of the
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
of
STONE ASSOCIATION
of
FREEWILL CHRISTIAN BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Held with the
HENSLEYS CHAPEL CHURCH
White County, Tennessee

COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 18, 1945

Rev. B. F. Dunham, Moderator, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Tennessee

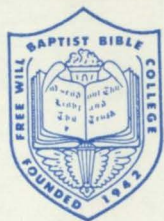
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Rev. Tilbert Henry, Assistant, Monterey, Tennessee



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ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Day

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Organization.
3. Enrollment of Delegates.
4. Devotional Committee.
5. Call made for New Churches.
6. Call for Corresponding Letters.
7. Delegates assigned homes.
8. Adjournment.

Second Day

1. Roll Call—Reading Minutes.
2. Rules of Decorum Read.
3. Reading of Letters from Various churches.
4. Organization of Presbytery.
5. Appointing Various Committees.
6. Miscellaneous Business.
7. Hearing Reports of Special Committees.
8. Adjournment.

Third Day

1. Calling Roll—Reading Friday's Minutes.
2. Committee on Pastoral Labor appointed.
3. Ministers' Reports.
4. Presbytery Reports.
5. Pastoral Labor Committee Reports.
6. Designating place of next Association.
7. Thanks to Church and vicinity.
8. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

The ministers and delegates comprising the Western Division of the Stone Association of the Free Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ met with Hensleys Chapel Church, White County, Tenn., on October 18, 1945, in the 80th Annual Session.

After singing, devotional service and prayer by Rev. W. C. Bean, the Introductory Sermon was brought by Rev. B. F. Dunham. Text: I Timothy 4: 16—"Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine, continue in them for in doing this thou shall both save thyself and them that hear thee." The sermon was ably delivered and enjoyed by all.

The Moderator, Rev. E. J. Hickey, called the meeting to order and proceeded to organize by electing Rev. B. F. Dunham, Moderator, Rev. Frank Malone, Assistant Moderator, Monroe Webb, Clerk, and Rev. Tilbert Henry, Assistant Clerk.

The roll was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Allen's Chapel: P. C., Hop-Brewington, Williard Rogers.

Allens Chapel: O. C., By Letter.

Antioch: Alice Rogers, Lillie Bryant.

Bakers X Roads: Mrs. Gilbert Parsons, Mrs. Murray Parsons.

Board Valley: J. B. Randolph, J. P. Randolph, Fred Brown.

Cumberland Chapel: Robert Yates, Hubert Powers.

Dodson's Branch: W. C. Mayberry, Monroe Webb.

Douglas Chapel: Jim Pharris, Charlie Tellent.

Glade Creek:

Gentrys Chapel: Mr. and Mrs. Crit Holmon, Bob Montgomery.

Harris Chapel: Charlie Walker, Minnie Walker.

Hensleys Chapel: Martin Young, Milo Young, Will Young.

Johnsons Chapel: W. M. Shearl.

Knights Chapel: Mr. and Mrs. Olin Knight.

Liberty: Mrs. Amon Speck, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Clamie Swafford.

Lillys Chapel: Myrtle Whitaker, Albert Maynard.

Morgan Springs: Will H. Bean.

Mt. Pleasant: Mrs. Nora Wilkerson, Ellis Prichard.

Mt. Pisgah: Landa Curtis.

Mt. Zion: Mrs. Lou Swallows.

Mt. Union: John Copeland, Dibural Walker.

New West Point: Johnie Wagner.

New Harmony: Joe Hudson, Burton Richie.

Ozion: J. C. Spears, Tommie Bryant.

Old Cumberland: John H. Blaylock, John Savage.

Pleasant Ridge: Charlie Henry, E. H. Sparks.

Post Oak Shade: Mr. and Mrs. Evert Reppotoe, Dillard West.

Philadelphia:

Ridgedale Church: Jess Blaylock, Dora Lewis.

Sampson: Evert Dunham, Charlie Blankenship, Ruby Blankenship.

Shady Grove: Walter Henry, Morgan Haney.

Smith Chapel: Dallas Seagraves, Mrs. Mollie Abston.

Stone Seminary: Emmett Morgan, Alvin Flatt.

Taylors Providence: Mr. and Mrs. Odus Luna.

Union Grove:

Union Hill: Eddie Hammons, Noble Peek.

West Cookeville:

Wine Sap: W. N. Shrum.

Yankeetown: Beecher Dunham, Bob Copeland.

Committee on Devotional Services was appointed: Rev. Frank Malone, Martin Young, Milo Young, Will Young.

An invitation was extended for new churches. Three were accepted; namely: Antioch, Baxter, Rt. 1, Putnam County; Mt. Union, Monterey, Putnam County; Ridgedale, Cumberland County, Ravenscroft, Tenn.

Call for corresponding letters.

Report of Devotional Committee: Thursday night 6:30 o'clock Rev. T. K. Prichard; Friday at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. Carson Whitaker; Friday night 6:30 o'clock, Rev. J. A. McCaleb; Saturday 11:00 o'clock, Rev. I. R. Woods.

The delegates were then assigned homes.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until eight o'clock Friday morning.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After singing, prayer by Rev. I. R. Woods, the message was brought by Rev. Kenneth Prichard. Subject: "Well of Living Water"—St. John 4: 14. A very earnest message was brought and enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING

After singing and prayer by Rev. Tilbert Henry, Roll was called and Thursday's Minutes were read and approved.

Miscellaneous Business

Organization of Presbytery.

Appointing various Committees: Education, Temperance, Obituary, Sabbath Schools, Finance, Report on Orphanage.

Reading of letters from various churches.

Motion sustained that we adjourn for the eleven o'clock message until one o'clock.

The eleven o'clock message was brought by Rev. Carson Whitaker. Subject: "Wanted." Text: II Cor. 2: 9. The message was delivered in a very impressive way and enjoyed by all.

Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After singing, prayer was rendered by Rev. Frank Malone.

Addresses of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and College:

Free Will Baptist College, 3609, Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Rt. 9, Greeneville, Tenn.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

This is an age when education is preeminently in the forefront in every phase of life and believing that Christian Education stands for the advancement of Christian life; therefore, we urge our people to support and encourage our Free Will Baptist Schools and Colleges in Tennessee and believe the Bible to be the foundation of all Christian education. We urge its prayerful study. We also urge that all young ministers take more interest in the study of God's word that they may be more able to preach the Gospel.

Committee:

Martin Young,
Dallas Seagraves,
J. P. Randolph.

Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Believing no question should be considered permanently settled until it is settled right and as we don't believe the whiskey question is settled until it is wiped out of this fair land of ours; therefore, we heartily endorse all legislation against the whiskey traffic and urge the doctrine of Temperance to be held up by all our churches and people and we urge all ministers to fight it with all their energy from the pulpit.

Committee:

Otis Luna,
Mrs. Lou Swallows,
W. C. Mayberry.

Obituary

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:

We find the enemy death has visited our churches and called from our ranks 27 of our beloved members to join the great assembly above. Our greatest loss is their eternal gain. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their bereaved families.

Committee:

Emmett Morgan
Beecher Dunham
Evert Dunham.

Sabbath School

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report:

We desire to go on record as a Christian denomination as believing in the utility of the Sunday School as one of the most potent powers of the

church. We recommend that the pastors of the various churches organize Sunday Schools in all our churches and encourage the work of the same.

Committee:

Jess Lefever,
Walter Henry,
Milo Young.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We find \$72.00 in for Minutes. We recommend that \$45.00 worth of Minutes be printed and the Clerk have the balance for his services and mailing out the Minutes.

Committee:

S. F. Brown,
Charlie Henry,
E. H. Sparks.

Report on Orphanage

We, your Committee on Orphanage, find \$222.00 has been paid into the Orphanage at Greeneville, Tennessee, as reported.

Committee:

W. C. Young,
W. N. Shrum.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until Saturday morning 8:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

• After singing and prayer by Rev. Will-Johnson, the message was brought by Rev. J. A. McCaleb. Subject: "The Word of Faith which We Preach." Rom. 10: 8. An inspiring message was brought and enjoyed by all.

Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing and prayer by Rev. John Barnes the roll was called and Friday's Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Pastoral labor was appointed.

A Memorial Service was conducted in honor of the late Rev. Thomas Moore.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the eleven o'clock service until one o'clock. The eleven o'clock message was brought by Rev. I. R. Woods. Subject: "Are We Sleeping." Gen. 11: Thess. 3—An awakening warning was brought forth if heeded.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing prayer was rendered by Rev. J. A. McCaleb.

Motion sustained that Rev. Malcom Rogers make a discussion on "Temperance" at the setting of the next Association, 1946.

MINISTERS REPORTS

Name	Postoffice All in Tennessee	Churches	Sermons	Confessions	Members Rec'd.	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Conducted	Contributions
Carson Whitaker		53	177	5					\$215.00
G. W. Robbins	Cookeville, Rt. 2	3	175	58	25	25	1		232.90
John Barnes	Cookeville, Rt. 4	2	120	10	17	8		1	94.75
Tilbert Henry	Monterey	2	65	22	4	13	1		114.39
Howard Lee	Cookeville, Rt. 3		18					1	22.48
T. K. Prichard		3	30	10	1	12			35.00
B. F. Dunham	Pikeville, Rt. 3	4	105	12	15	13		6	609.12
E. J. Hickey		3	93	30	16				390.00
W. C. Bean	Cookeville, Rt. 3		26	8			2	2	85.00
J. A. McCaleb	Cookeville, Rt. 2	4	98	30	14			10	845.80
Malcolm Rogers	Baxter, Rt. 1		82	32	10	14			115.00

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

D. B. Hammons, Rt. 2, Hilham, Tenn.
 R. G. Lewis, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
 J. R. Hammons, Rt. 1, Rickman, Tenn.
 F. E. Scarlet, Rt. 1, Baxter, Tenn.
 Jasper Henry, Monterey, Tenn.
 C. V. Hammons, Rickman, Tenn.
 R. W. Pennington, Cookeville, Tenn.
 Frank Malone, Rt. 3, Cookeville, Tenn.
 C. A. Jazuess, Rt. 4, Cookeville, Tenn.
 I. R. Wood, Cookeville, Tenn.
 W. S. Robinson, Dekalb County Tenn.
 Alva Hall, Rt. 2, Sparta, Tenn.
 C. M. Bilbrey, Rt. 1, Brotherton, Tenn.
 J. G. Miller, Rt. 3, Bonaqua, Tenn.
 J. A. Wagner, J. W. Barnes, Herman Hooten, John Savage, Lonnie Gray,
 J. E. Lula, Ben. W. Brown, J. E. Wood.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of the Western Division of Free Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ met October 19, 1945, and organized by electing Rev. E. J. Hickey, Moderator, and Rev. John Barnes, Clerk.

Bro. Tim Hammons came before the Presbytery for License after passing satisfactory examination. He was granted license for one year.

Bro. Bill Cimingham came before the Presbytery and asked that his License from the Missionary Baptist be ratified and was rejected for one year for more information.

Landy Curtis came before the Presbytery for License and was granted provided he bring a recommendation from his church.

Motion sustained to adjourn until Saturday morning eight o'clock.

Reconvened Saturday morning, October 20.

The Investigation of New Churches Committee, being only one left on the committee, was released.

Bro. Eddie Hammons came before the Presbytery for License. After examination he was granted License.

The Presbytery accepted the reports of the called Presbytery for the purpose of ordaining three new preachers: Rev. Malcolm Rogers, T. K. Prichard, Ben W. Brown and also accepting Rev. Carson Whitaker's credentials who was ordained in Detroit, Mich., by the Free Will Baptist, all this transpired since last association, 1944.

Motion sustained that Paul Hickey's credentials be declared null and void.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Rev. E. J. Hickey, Moderator,

Rev. John Barnes, Clerk.

PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Antioch—Malcolm Rodgers.

Allens Chapel—P. C., Malcolm Rodgers.

Allens Chapel—O. C., D. B. Hammons.

Bakers Cross Roads—Kenneth Prichard.

Board Valley—J. A. McCaleb.

Cumberland Chapel—John Savage; Frank Malone.

Dodsons Branch—J. A. McCaleb, Malcolm Rodgers.

Douglas Chapel—T. K. Prichard, G. W. Robins.

Glade Creek—

Gentrys Chapel—Malcolm Rodgers, J. T. Holman.

Harris Chapel—Herman Hooten, T. K. Prichard.

Hensley Chapel—Frank Malone, G. W. Robbins.

Johnson Chapel—E. J. Hickey.

Knights Chapel—John Barnes.

Liberty—Ben W. Brown.

Lilys Chapel—Carson Whitaker, Malcolm Rodgers.

Morgan Springs—Beecher Dunham.

Mt. Pleasant—T. K. Prichard, Ben Brown.

Mt. Pisgah—

Mt. Union—Tilbert Henry, Jasper Henry.

Mt. Zion—Tilbert Henry, T. K. Prichard.

New Harmony—J. A. McCaleb.

New West Point—E. J. Hickey.

Ozion—Carson Whitaker, Malcolm Rodgers.

Old Cumberland—Lonnie Gray.

Pleasant Ridge—Carson Whitaker.

Post Oak Shade—Malcolm Rodgers.

Philadelphia—

Ridgedale—J. E. Wood.

Sampson—B. F. Dunham, W. C. Bean.

Shady Grove—Ben Brown.

Smith Chapel—Carson Whitaker.

Stone Seminary—W. C. Bean, Howard Lee.

Taylor's Providence—E. J. Hickey.

Union Grove—G. W. Robbins.

Union Hill—Tilbert Henry, Herman Hooten.

West Cookeville—

Wine Sap—B. F. Dunham.

Yankeetown—J. A. McCaleb.

Motion made and carried that our next annual association be held with the Union Hill Church, three miles north of Rickman, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1946.

Rev. J. R. Hammons is to preach the Introduction Sermon, Rev. D. B. Hammons alternate.

A resolution of thanks was extended to the Hensleys Chapel Church and vicinity for their kindness during our stay with them.

Motion sustained that we adjourn.

Rev. B. F. Dunham, Moderator,

Rev. Frank Malone, Assistant Moderator,

Monroe Webb, Clerk,

Rev. Tilbert Henry, Assistant Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Postoffice and County All in Tennessee	Increase				Decrease				Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor and for Revival Work	Meeting Day	Paid to Orphanage
		By Profession	By Recommendation	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death						
Allens Chapel, P. C.		15	1			3	1	77	\$1.50	\$ 40.41	1	\$		
Allens Chapel, O. C.		2					2	49	1.00		1			
Antioch		12	1	1				22	2.00					
Bakers X Roads		16					2	67	1.00	142.04	3			
Board Valley								115	1.50	215.22	2		55.00	
Cumberland Chapel		3					1	19	2.00	105.15	2			
Dodsons Branch		11				1	5	330	3.00	302.63			10.00	
Douglas Chapel								74	2.15	50.50	1			
Glade Creek														
Gentry Chapel								77	2.66	97.00	4		11.00	
Harris Chapel				2			1	18	1.50	45.47	1			
Hensleys Chapel		4			6	1		58	5.00	160.00	1		25.00	
Johnsons Chapel							1	40	1.50	100.03	1			
Knights Chapel		2						9			4			

Liberty	Rt. 3, Livingston	13	6	2	1	1	58	1.00	17.50	3	---
Lillys Chapel	Baxter	1	2	---	---	---	38	2.11	288.00	---	---
Morgan Springs	Rt. 3, Dayton	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.50	131.00	---	---
Mt. Pleasant	Rt. 1, Brotherton	---	2	---	---	---	40	1.75	53.38	2	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	Rt. 3, Smithville	---	---	---	---	---	---	1.25	54.00	---	---
Mt. Union	Monterey	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Zion	Mayland	---	---	---	---	---	11	3.00	28.00	3	---
New Harmony	Rt. 5, Pikeville	---	---	---	---	---	10	1.00	27.00	1	5.00
New West Point	Rt. 3, Smithville	6	---	1	2	2	114	2.85	264.18	3	96.30
Ozior	Silverpoint	---	4	---	---	---	33	---	50.00	1	---
Old Cumberland	Brockdell, Bledsoe County	2	---	---	2	4	26	4.00	118.89	1	---
Pleasant Ridge	Rt. 2, Cookeville	2	3	1	---	---	83	2.00	277.05	1	30.00
Post Oak Shade	Rt. 2, Sparta	9	---	---	1	---	114	2.35	132.12	3	---
Pleasant Ridge	Ravenscroft	---	---	---	---	---	12	1.50	75.00	2	---
Ridgedale	Rt. 3, Pikeville	---	---	---	2	---	115	3.45	102.63	2	---
Sampson	Brotherton	5	---	---	2	---	162	2.65	99.21	4	---
Shady Grove	Pleasant Hill	7	4	---	1	---	37	2.00	60.45	3	---
Smith Chapel	Rt. 5, Cookeville	2	2	---	---	---	108	2.35	150.25	1	---
Stone Seminary	Sparta	---	1	---	---	---	46	2.00	25.00	1	---
Taylor Providence	Union Grove	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Union Hill	Bickman, Rt. 1	---	---	---	2	---	88	1.50	32.21	2	---
West Cookeville	Cookeville	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Winesap	Winesap	5	---	---	---	---	69	1.35	83.75	---	4.00
Yankeetown	---	4	---	---	---	---	53	2.00	177.33	3	5.00

RULES OF DECORUM

Section 1. No complaint shall be brought in the church against transgressing members until the aggrieved party complies with the directions given by our Lord in St. Matthew, 18: 13, 17.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the deacons of the churches to go to the transgressing members, talk to them, admonish them and they shall have until the second church meeting to make reconciliation. It may be the duty of the churches to choose a committee to settle questions of aggrieved causes.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of Stewards to advise the church to promote means to sustain the church and preachers.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of each Minister, on receiving members in the church, to ask the applicant the following questions: First, "Do you feel that you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?" Second, "Are you a believer with all your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?" Third, "Are you willing to walk in all His precepts?"

Section 5. It shall be the duty of all persons who become members of the Freewill Baptist Church, who have not been baptized by immersion, and that for the answer of a good conscience, to attend to the ordinance of baptism.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the several churches to organize a church treasury for the purpose of defraying church expenses.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the different church clerks to keep a correct minute of all their church meetings in a book provided for that purpose.

Section 8. Each church represented in the Annual Association shall be entitled to two delegates voters, whose membership does not exceed 50, and one additional for every 25 over 50.

Section 9. That, for the purpose of ordaining Elders there shall convene a Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall consist of three or more ordained Elders and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the present session. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applicants that may come before them for license and ordination, and if found competent shall ordain them or set apart for the work by prayer and laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try ministers and deacons, composing this Association for immorality, propagation of unchristian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoined by the Word of God or the rules of the church, on proper testimony; their decision to be final. Any member of the Presbytery shall have full power to convene a Presbytery in extraordinary session at any time for the purpose of transacting any official business.

Section 10. No minister shall be ordained to the office of Elder until having passed a satisfactory examination upon the subject of repentance, faith, justification, the door into the church, water baptism, the Lord's Supper, washing the saint's feet and transaction of the church business in general.

Section 11. Any one who desires the office of Elder shall take the fol-

lowing steps before presenting himself for ordination: He shall be liberated by their churches to hold prayer meeting and comment on the Scriptures for one year; at the expiration of twelve months, or any time thereafter, he shall go before a Presbytery for examination and if found competent, they shall issue license for him; after he has his license for one year he shall go before a Presbytery for a second examination, and if found worthy, they shall ordain him to the office of Elder.

Section 12. That, for the purpose of receiving licentiates or ordained ministers from other denominations who come to us well recommended, we receive them and ratify their license or credentials.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Presbytery to give a letter of dismission and recommendation to any ordained minister if in good standing wishing to leave our Association.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

Section 1. That all power of church government is inherent in the people and the preachers; that is, that they may have a right, through their representatives to establish, alter or amend their form of church government, two-thirds agreeing thereto.

Section 2. That a Christian church is a society of believers in Christ, and is a divine institution, Jesus Christ being at the head of the Church and the Bible the only rule of our faith and practice.

Section 3. That no rule of faith and doctrine shall ever be established in the Freewill Christian Baptist Church contrary to the Bible.

Section 4. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and obeys the Gospel should ever be deprived of church membership.

Section 5. Every member has inalienable right to private judgment in matters of religion and may speak freely of the same in a way that will not violate the law of God, or the law of their country, or the rights of their fellowman.

Section 6. Church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of unchristian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoined by the words of God or the rules of the Church.

Section 7. The church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only as are in accordance with the Holy Scripture, and may be necessary to carry into effect the great system of practical Christianity.

Section 8. There may be three grades of Association established in the Freewill Baptist Church—first, the Monthly Association; second, the Annual Association; third, the General Association, all of which may be established by the rules of the church.

Section 9. That the church has a right to select their leaders and delegates to the Annual Association.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of each church to select two Deacons and one Clerk.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of each church to send up their delegates with letters in order to the Annual Association.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the Annual Association to send to the General Assembly delegates with corresponding letters in order.

Section 13. That no minister or member be allowed to aid or abet in any way, either directly or indirectly, in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage. We know by observation that it is the great hindering cause of the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1—We believe in one eternal God, the creator and upholder of all things and in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

Article 2—We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and practice.

Article 3—We believe that man is unable to recover himself from the fallen state that he is in, by reason of sin, only by the grace of God through the exercise of faith.

Article 4—We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that immersion is the only mode of baptism; not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Article 5—We believe that no minister has the right to administer these ordinances except such as are regularly ordained.

Article 6—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and the joys of the righteous are eternal.

Article 7—We believe according to the Scriptures—Paul's letter to the Hebrews 6: 1-7—that after man has been made partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from Grace, it is impossible to renew him again unto repentance, or restore him unto the favor of God.

Article 8—We receive no person into the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ only on the principle of their conversion.

Article 9—We believe that no person are members of the Church of Christ only those who have the witness within themselves.

Article 10—We believe that all members of the Church of Christ have a right to the sacramental table upon the principles of their acceptance with him for Saint Paul says: "But let a man examine himself, and so let Him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."—I Corinthians 11: 28.

FORM OF LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ at _____
_____, _____ County,
Tennessee, to the Stone Association when convened with the _____
_____ Church of _____ County,
Tennessee:- Dear Brethren: We have chosen our messengers, _____
_____, to represent us in your body.

The statistics of our church are as follows: Increase by profession _____,
by letter _____, by recommendation _____, by restoration _____;
Our decrease, by letter _____, by exclusion _____, by death _____; total mem-
bership _____. Our meeting day is the Sabbath. We have paid dur-
ing the year, to State and National Program, for Orphanage, \$ _____;
We send contribution, for minutes, \$ _____; paid pastor, \$ _____;
our present pastor is Brother _____; our post office is
_____, _____ County, Tennessee.

This is done by a voice of the church and signed by order of the same on
the _____ day of _____, 19_____.

_____, Moderator.

_____, Clerk.

FORM OF LETTER TO CHURCH MEMBERS

To all Lovers of Jesus Christ: This is to certify that the well beloved
_____ is a member of the Freewill Christian Baptist
Church of Christ at _____, _____ County,
State of Tennessee, and is hereby dismissed from us in full fellowship. This
is done by a vote of the church, the _____ day of _____, 19_____.

_____, Moderator.

_____, Clerk.

